

HOPKINS ALUMNI HOLD A MEETING

Virginia Members Have Their Fourth Annual Session at Charlottesville.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Speakers Deplore Modern College Tendencies Toward Mere Money-Getting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 8.—The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association of Virginia held its fourth annual meeting last night at the Colonnade Club at the University of Virginia. Later the members adjourned to the university commons where a dinner was served. Dr. Hall Cantor, president of the association, presided and introduced the speakers.

Professor W. H. Thornton, dean of the engineering school of the university, welcomed the visiting Hopkins men in fitting terms. Arthur Hancock replied to the welcome very appropriately.

Dr. Douglas Vanderhoof spoke on "Hopkins and Medicine." He showed what a debt medical science in this country owed to Hopkins. Dr. J. H. Leflore, in discussing Hopkins in the South, said that there was hardly a college of any standing that did not have one or more Hopkins men in its faculty, and that they were well represented in other lines of endeavor also.

Dr. John W. Mallet spoke on "Hopkins and Science." He said that Hopkins was the first American educational institution to make investigation and original research a prominent feature in its course of instruction, and that the country owed more to her for instituting such work than for any one thing she had done.

Dr. Ira Remson, president of Johns Hopkins, was then called upon. He referred to the pleasant relations that existed between Virginia and Hopkins, which began years ago when Professor Gildersleeve was appointed professor of Greek and Professor Mallet lectured on industrial chemistry. He then referred to the new movement at Hopkins that has for its object the securing of greater interest of the alumni in the affairs of the university. The alumni could justly elect by the alumni college of sixteen members.

The first meeting was held last Saturday, and it is therefore, too early to form an opinion in regard to the effect of this movement upon the welfare of the university. Judging by what has been done in other places—notably at Harvard, Columbia and Princeton—valuable results may confidently be expected.

Dr. Remson said he did not wish to say that, in his opinion, there is at present a deplorable tendency to extravagance in the management of universities. Much more money is being spent on material things than is necessary, and the cause of higher education is suffering in consequence. Certain expensive equipments are essential, but a price is being set for the cost of buildings that is likely to react disastrously. Million-dollar laboratories and libraries are all very well, but it is wise to put so much in buildings and then allow the occupants to languish for the necessities of intellectual life is a question that it is not difficult to answer.

The speaker then continued: "In some quarters abundant money has been furnished for the material needs of the universities and perhaps for



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Anchor Rock, in Goshen Pass



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GOSHEN, VA., May 8.—Attention has been called to the following statement contained in a recent letter of Frederick J. Haskin about Commodore Maury and published in various newspapers:

"It is interesting to note that there was once a monument to Maury in the Virginia mountains, but that unappreciative persons soon diverted it to private use. It was shortly after the death of the great man at his home in Lexington, where he was an instructor in the Virginia Military Institute, that a body of admiring friends and neighbors had a big iron anchor cast, and after much difficulty, had it elevated to a high mountain, overlooking Goshen Pass—a place that Maury loved, and where he often went. Farmers and other men living in the neighborhood, evidently oblivious of the fact that it was Maury who, for their benefit, had charted the air and made the first meteorological surveys, soon carried away the anchor bit by bit. This would doubtless be interesting if true. As a matter of fact, it is untrue, and is a slander on the good people of Rockbridge county who live in the vicinity of the Goshen Pass, and who probably love and revere the memory of the great Maury as much as does Mr. Haskin himself."

Maury was probably based on the following fact: A short time before the remains of Commodore Maury were borne through the pass, an enterprising negro, Bill Williams, engaged in the livery business at the Rockbridge Baths, came in possession of an iron anchor weighing about 50 pounds. This anchor had belonged to a James River canal packet boat, and later was used to anchor one end of a pontoon, footbridge across the river at the Baths. "Uncle Billy" with the object of hustling business, conceived the idea of suspending the anchor from an overhanging rock in Goshen Pass, and then to spread the story that Commodore Maury had requested such a memorial. "Uncle Billy" named the rock "Anchor Rock," and when the guests of the famous hostelry arrived, he did a thriving business taking them to see Anchor Rock. "Uncle Billy" has been living at Goshen for a number of years, and is still in business. He told the writer that he made about \$300 by his scheme. The anchor was removed from the rock, but certainly not taken bit by bit. Even persons living near the Goshen Pass are better informed about anchors than to make this statement. It cost "Uncle Billy" about \$2.50 to move and hang the anchor, and he says that it was not hard work.

In this connection it might be of interest to know that the V. M. I. cadets and the oving Rockbridge people who escorted the remains of Maury through the Goshen Pass hailed at "Uncle Billy's" anchor, and made another anchor out of the glorious and beautiful laurel blossoms and leaves that Maury loved so well, and hung it on the same rock.

MEMENTO OF THE WAR.

Medal Which Was Taken From Dead Soldier's Breast.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BOYDTON, VA., May 8.—A relic of the Civil War, which has an interesting history and may be of great value to the friend of the dead Northern soldier who wore it on his breast and carried with it on his chest, is now in the possession of H. F. Hutcheson. The relic is a silver badge, about the size of a quarter of a dollar, bearing on one side the name "C. C. Miner," and on the reverse side is "Cedar Mountain, Va., 1862." The badge was taken from the breast of a young man lying dead, and observing that he had a good pair of shoes, took them off and put them on himself. He noticed a badge pinned on the soldier's breast, and he also took that. After the soldier was given the badge to a neighbor, and it has fallen into the hands of Circuit Clerk Hutcheson, of Boydton. Mr. Hutcheson is anxious for the friends of C. C. Miner to have this little memento if they can be found.

OVER HIS HEAD.

Commission Will Not Accept Opinion of City Attorney.

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NORFOLK, VA., May 8.—The Board of Industrial Commission has created a mild sensation in official circles by the statement that it will not depend on the City Attorney for an opinion as to what the city fathers can or cannot legally enact as law relative to the laying of sidewalks, and will seek other advice.

What the commission wishes is a law in the city compelling property owners to lay the first sidewalk in front of property. In many parts of the city owners of property, and even houses, have neglected to provide this improvement. The commission, looking out for the general appearance of the resident sections, desires to have an ordinance whereby this can be enforced. It asked an opinion of the City Attorney, and this, when submitted, was unsatisfactory to the commission. He said it would conflict with the State law.

On the other hand, it is claimed that such a law is enforced by the city of Richmond, and the commission believes that Norfolk has the same right.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

South Boston Is Preparing for Great Occasion.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., May 8.—South Boston will celebrate its twenty-sixth anniversary on Monday, May 10. This will be a great "home-coming" event, and a trades parade, with many novel features, will be held. President Tarr and Governor Swanson will be invited to participate in the exercises.

One hundred men and women will be mounted on horseback, the latter attired in white with red and blue sashes, and the men, with red and white sashes, will wear hats. Captain E. N. Hardy will be chief marshal.

The following will act as escort: Mayor and Councilmen in carriages; ex-Mayor W. W. Ward and ex-members of the first Command of the 1st Cavalry in carriages; Colonel Henry E. Easley, commanding ex-Mayors and Councilmen in carriages; ex-scholars of the High School in charge of the members of an Incorporated Town, July 6, 1883, in the morning, and will parade the principal streets, being headed by the Woodmen of the World brass band.

Mayor T. P. Fry will preside over the exercises of the day, and many distinguished men of the State and local speakers are expected to make addresses.

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